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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

14 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

15 SAN FRANCISCO / OAKLAND DIVISION

16 EUNICE LEE, and SUSAN MONTEGNA,
17 individually and on behalf of all others
18 similarly situated,

19 **Case No. 09-04022 (JSW)**

20 **CLASS ACTION**

21 Plaintiffs,

22 v.

23 ULTA SALON, COSMETICS &
24 FRAGRANCE, INC.

25 Defendant.

26 **[PROPOSED] ORDER: (1) FINALLY
27 APPROVING CLASS ACTION
28 SETTLEMENT AND PLAN OF
DISTRIBUTION; (2) ENTERING
FINAL JUDGMENT; (3) APPROVING
SERVICE PAYMENT TO NAMED
PLAINTIFFS; (4) APPROVING THE
PAYMENT OF REASONABLE COSTS
OF ADMINISTRATION; AND (5)
RESERVING JURISDICTION.**

29 **AND JUDGMENT**

30 Date: December 17, 2010

31 Time: 9 A.M.

32 Courtroom: 11

33 Before: Honorable Jeffrey S. White

34 _____ / Complaint Filed: July 28, 2009

1 This matter came on for hearing on December 17, 2010, upon Plaintiffs' Motion for final
 2 approval of the proposed settlement of this action on the terms set forth in the Joint Stipulation of
 3 Settlement and Release (the "Agreement") and Amendment to the Joint Stipulation of Settlement
 4 and Release attached hereto as Exhibits 1 & 2. Due and adequate notice having been given to the
 5 members of the settlement Class, and the Court having considered the Agreement, all papers and
 6 proceedings held herein, and all oral and written comments received regarding the proposed
 7 Settlement, and having reviewed the entire record in this action ("the Action"), and good cause
 8 appearing, finds that:

9 WHEREAS, Plaintiff has alleged claims against Defendant Ulta Salon, Cosmetics &
 10 Fragrance, Inc. ("Ulta") on behalf of herself and all individuals who worked for Ulta and who held
 11 the title Salon Manager in California at any time from July 28, 2005 to March 27, 2009;

12 WHEREAS, Plaintiff asserts claims for 1) Violations of California Overtime Wage
 13 Provisions; (2) California Waiting Period Penalties; (3) Violations of California Record-Keeping
 14 Provisions; (4) Violations of California Meal and Rest Period Provisions; (5) Violations of the
 15 California Unfair Competition Law; and (7) Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act penalties;

16 WHEREAS, Ulta expressly denies the allegations of wrongdoing and violations of law
 17 alleged in this Action; claims that it always properly classified and compensated its employees; and
 18 further denies any liability whatsoever to Plaintiffs or to the Class Members;

19 WHEREAS, without admitting any liability, claim or defense the Parties determined that it
 20 was mutually advantageous to settle this Action and avoid the costs, delay, uncertainty and business
 21 disruption of ongoing litigation;

22 WHEREAS, this Court granted preliminary approval of the parties' Agreement in this
 23 Action on August 27, 2010 ("Preliminary Approval Order");

24 WHEREAS, this Court previously dismissed without prejudice Plaintiffs' class allegations
 25 on behalf of Ulta General Managers, and dismissed with prejudice former Named Plaintiff, Eunice
 26 Lee's individual claims;

27 WHEREAS, notice to the Class members was sent in accordance with the Preliminary
 28 Approval Order; and

1 WHEREAS, a fairness hearing on the proposed Settlement having been duly held and a
 2 decision reached;

3 NOW, therefore, the Court grants final approval of the Settlement, and

4 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

5 1. To the extent defined in the Stipulation of Settlement and Release (the
 6 "Agreement"), attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and incorporated herein by reference, the terms in this
 7 Order shall have the meanings set forth therein. In addition, a copy of the fully-executed
 8 Amendment to the Settlement is attached hereto as Exhibit 2.

9 2. The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of this action, the Defendant Ulta,
 10 and the Class.

11 3. The Court has determined that the notice given to the Class fully and accurately
 12 informed all persons in the Class of all material elements of the proposed Settlement --- including
 13 the plan of distribution of the Settlement Payment, the application for service award to the Named
 14 Plaintiff and the application for an attorneys' fees award to Class Counsel ---, constituted the best
 15 notice practicable under the circumstances, constituted valid, due and sufficient notice to all Class
 16 members, and complied fully with Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United
 17 States Constitution, and any other applicable laws.

18 4. The Court hereby grants final approval of the Settlement and Agreement as fair,
 19 reasonable and adequate in all respects to the Class members pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal
 20 Rules of Civil Procedure, and orders the parties to consummate the Settlement in accordance with
 21 the terms of the Agreement.

22 5. The plan of distribution as set forth in the Agreement providing for the distribution
 23 of the Net Settlement Fund to Class members is approved as being fair, reasonable, and adequate
 24 pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

25 6. As previously held in the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval, this
 26 Plaintiffs' class allegations on behalf of Ulta General Managers are dismissed without prejudice,
 27 and former Named Plaintiff, Eunice Lee's individual claims are dismissed with prejudice to be

1 arbitrated pursuant to the terms of the separate stipulation providing for the binding arbitration of
 2 Eunice Lee's individual claims.

3 7. As previously held in the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval, the
 4 Settlement Class for settlement purposes is appropriate under Fed. R. Civ. P. 23 and related case
 5 law and is defined as follows:

6 Settlement Class: All California employees of Ulta Salons, Cosmetics & Fragrance,
 7 Inc. or its predecessors who were assigned to Ulta Salons, Cosmetics & Fragrance,
 8 Inc. stores and who held the position of "Salon Manager" during the period from
 9 July 28, 2005 to March 27, 2009; the date when Defendant reclassified its Salon
 10 Managers as non-exempt employees ("Class Period").

11 8. The Settlement Class, consisting of approximately 56 Class Members, is sufficiently
 12 numerous that joinder is not practicable.

13 9. The proposed class members' claims all stem from the same source – their
 14 employment as Salon Managers, their classification as exempt employees, and their non-receipt of
 15 overtime wages for their overtime hours worked – and there are questions of law and fact common
 16 to the members of the Settlement Class. The questions of law and fact common to the members of
 17 the Settlement Class include:

- 18 • Whether Ulta's policy and practice of classifying the Settlement Class Members as
 19 exempt from overtime entitlement and failing to pay overtime to the Settlement
 20 Class Members violates applicable California law, including applicable statutory and
 21 regulatory authority; and
- 22 • Whether Ulta unlawfully failed to pay compensation to Settlement Class members
 23 for missed meal and rest periods in violation of the UCL and applicable California
 24 wage and hour laws; and
- 25 • Whether Ulta unlawfully failed to keep and furnish Settlement Class members with
 26 records of hours worked, in violation of applicable law.

27 As the Plaintiffs need only establish one common question of law or fact in order to meet the low
 28 threshold set by Rule 23(a)(2), as previously held in the Court's Order granting Preliminary
 Approval, Plaintiffs' above showing of common issues satisfies what is required.

29 10. The named Plaintiff's claims are typical of those of the Class that she seeks to
 30 represent. Plaintiff Susan Montegna's claims are typical of those of the Settlement Class because

1 they all arise out of Ulta's former uniform policy of classifying Salon Managers as exempt, and of
 2 refusing to pay Salon Managers overtime compensation for overtime hours worked.

3 11. The proposed Class Representative has fairly and adequately protected the interests
 4 of the Settlement Class. She has retained counsel who have the experience and resources necessary
 5 to provide adequate representation of the Classes and meet the requirements of Rule 23(g)(1).

6 12. As previously held in the Court's Order Granting Preliminary Approval, the Court
 7 appoints as Class Counsel, the law firm of Rudy, Exelrod, Zieff & Lowe, LLP.

8 13. The Court approves the payment of reasonable settlement administration costs to the
 9 Settlement Administrator, Simpluris, Inc., in an amount up to \$20,000.

10 14. The Court approves an award to Named Plaintiff Susan Montegna, on account of her
 11 service to the Class, in the amount of \$7,500, which shall be paid from, and not in addition to, the
 12 Settlement Payment.

13 15. The Court hereby approves the payment of \$18,750 from, and not in addition to, the
 14 Settlement Payment to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") as its
 15 share of the \$25,000 of the Total Settlement Payment which is for settlement of PAGA claims.

16 16. Except with regard to the class allegations on behalf of Ulta General Managers
 17 which are dismissed without prejudice (see *supra* ¶ 6), the Court hereby dismisses this Action with
 18 prejudice, with each party to bear his, her or its own costs and attorneys' fees, except as provided in
 19 the Agreement and as set forth above in this Order and as set forth in any Order issued in response
 20 to the application by Class Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, which
 21 hearings shall take place concurrently with the hearing for this Order. Without affecting the finality
 22 of this Final Judgment and Order, the Court reserves exclusive and continuing jurisdiction over the
 23 Action, the Named Plaintiff Susan Montegna, the Settlement Class, and the Defendant Ulta for the
 24 purposes of (a) supervising the implementation, enforcement, construction, and interpretation of the
 25 Agreement, the Preliminary Approval Order, the distribution of the Settlement Payment, the Final
 26 Judgment, and this Order; and (b) hearing and determining the application by Class Counsel for an
 27 award of attorneys' fees, costs, and expenses, which hearings shall take place concurrently with the
 28 hearing for this Order.

1 17. Upon entry of this Final Judgment and Order, and by operation of this Final
2 Judgment and Order, the claims of each Settlement Class member against Ulta, and against any and
3 all of the Releasees as defined in the Agreement, are fully, finally, and forever released,
4 relinquished and discharged pursuant to the terms of the Agreement.

5 18. By operation of this Final Judgment and Order, all members of the Settlement Class
6 are hereby forever barred and enjoined from prosecuting the released claims against any of the
7 Releasees as defined in the Agreement.

8 19. Each member of the Settlement Class is bound by this Final Judgment and Order,
9 including, without limitation, the release of claims as set forth in the Agreement.

10 20. This Final Judgment and Order and the Agreement, and all papers related thereto,
11 are not, and shall not be construed to be, an admission by Ulta of any liability, claim or wrongdoing
12 whatsoever, and shall not be offered as evidence of any such liability, claim or wrongdoing in this
13 Action or in any other proceeding.

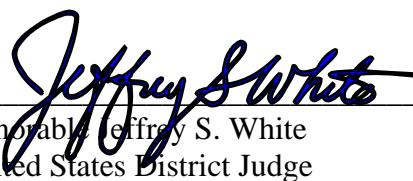
14 21. In the event that the Settlement does not become effective in accordance with the
15 terms of the Agreement, then this Final Judgment and Order shall be rendered null and void to the
16 extent provided by and in accordance with the Agreement and shall be vacated, and in such event,
17 all orders entered and releases delivered in connection herewith shall be null and void to the extent
18 provided by and in accordance with the Agreement, and each party shall retain his, her or its rights
19 to move for or oppose certification of the Class.

20 22. The Court finds that there is no just reason for delay of entry of this Final Judgment
21 and hereby directs its entry.

22 **IT IS SO ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED.**

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24 Dated: December 17, 2010

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Honorable Jeffrey S. White
United States District Judge

EXHIBIT 1

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22 ULTA SALON, COSMETICS &
23 FRAGRANCE, INC.

24 Defendant.

25 Before: Honorable Jeffrey S. White

26 / Complaint Filed: July 28, 2009

27 This Joint Stipulation of Settlement and Release between Plaintiffs and Defendant
28 (hereinafter "Stipulation of Settlement" or "Settlement") is made and entered into by and
between the parties to the following case before the Honorable Jeffrey S. White of the United
States District Court, Northern District of California entitled Eunice Lee and Susan Montegna v.
Ulta Salons, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc., Case No. 09-04022.

1 This Settlement shall be binding on Plaintiff Susan Montegna, individually and on behalf
 2 of the alleged class of Salon Managers Ms. Montegna represents as described herein
 3 ("Plaintiffs"), and Defendant Ulta Salons, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc. ("Defendant") and also
 4 applies to Defendant's present and former parent companies, owners, subsidiaries, related or
 5 affiliated companies, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers,
 6 successors and assigns, and any individual or entity which could be jointly liable with Defendant,
 7 and its respective counsel, subject to the terms and conditions hereof and the approval of the
 8 Court.

9 THE PARTIES STIPULATE AND AGREE as follows:

10 1. Plaintiffs and Defendant are collectively referred to herein as "the parties."
 11 2. On or about July 28, 2009, Plaintiffs filed a proposed Class Action Complaint in the
 12 San Mateo County Superior Court on behalf of themselves and all other employees similarly
 13 situated. Defendant thereupon filed a Notice of Removal to the U.S. District Court, Northern
 14 District of California. The case was assigned to the Honorable Jeffrey S. White. On November
 15 2, 2009, Plaintiffs filed their First Amended Complaint. The First Amended Complaint sought
 16 recovery of the following: 1) unpaid overtime wages, 2) unpaid meal period wages, 3) waiting
 17 time penalties, 4) itemized wage statement violations, 5) unlawful business practices, and 6)
 18 private attorneys general act penalties ("PAGA Claim").

19 3. Defendant filed an Answer to Plaintiffs' Complaint on December 2, 2009, denying
 20 the allegations of the First Amended Complaint and asserting numerous affirmative defenses.

21 4. At all times the Law Offices of Rudy, Exelrod, Zieff & Lowe, LLP (herein referred
 22 to as "Class Counsel") has been counsel of record for Plaintiffs.

23 5. At all times Littler Mendelson has been counsel of record for Defendant.

24 6. For purposes of this Settlement, the Settlement Class is defined as follows: "All
 25 California employees of Ulta Salons, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc. or its predecessors who were
 26 assigned to Ulta Salons, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc. stores and who held the position of "Salon
 27 Manager" during the period from July 28, 2005 to March 27, 2009, the date when Defendant
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1 reclassified its Salon Managers as non-exempt employees (“Class Period”). Members of the
 2 class may be referred to herein as “Class Members.”

3 7. Named Plaintiff, Eunice Lee will seek to dismiss her individual claims with
 4 prejudice and the class allegations on behalf of Ulta General Managers without prejudice subject
 5 to Court approval and the execution of an agreement providing for the binding arbitration of
 6 Eunice Lee’s individual claims. The parties hereby stipulate and agree to arbitrate Ms. Lee’s
 7 individual claims.¹

8 8. Solely for purposes of settling this case, the parties stipulate and agree that the
 9 requisites for establishing class certification with respect to the Settlement Class have been met
 10 and are met. More specifically, the parties stipulate and agree that, for purposes of a settlement
 11 class action only:

- 12 a. The Settlement Class is so numerous as to make it impracticable to join all
 13 Class Members. There is an ascertainable Settlement Class.
- 14 b. There are common questions of law and fact including, but not limited to,
 15 the following:
 - 16 i. Whether or not Salon Managers were properly classified as exempt
 17 from overtime;
 - 18 ii. Whether or not they worked overtime;
 - 19 iii. Whether or not they received meal periods;
 - 20 iv. Whether or not they are entitled to waiting time penalties;
 - 21 v. Whether or not their paycheck stubs complied with Labor Code
 22 section 226;
 - 23 vi. Whether any of Defendant’s conduct constituted an unfair business
 24 practice within the meaning of California Business & Professions
 25 Code § 17200;
 - 26 vii. Whether Class Members are entitled to recover PAGA penalties

27 28 ¹ The parties will execute a stipulation providing for the binding arbitration of Eunice
 Lee’s individual claims.

1 with respect to Defendant's alleged failure to pay overtime, provide
 2 meal periods, provide compliant paycheck stubs and timely paid
 3 out final wages.

4 c. Named Plaintiff Susan Montegna's claims are typical of the claims of the
 5 members of the Settlement Class.

6 d. Plaintiffs and Class Counsel will fairly and adequately protect the interests
 7 of the Settlement Class.

8 e. The prosecution of separate actions by individual Class Members would
 9 create the risk of inconsistent or varying adjudications, which would establish
 10 incompatible standards of conduct.

11 f. Questions of law and fact common to Class Members predominate over
 12 any questions affecting any individual Class Member, and a class action is
 13 superior to other available means for the fair and efficient adjudication of the
 14 controversy.

15 9. Defendant denies any liability or wrongdoing of any kind whatsoever associated
 16 with the claims alleged in Plaintiffs' First Amended Complaint, and further denies that, for any
 17 purpose other than the settlement of this lawsuit, this action is appropriate for class or
 18 representative treatment.

19 a. With respect to the claim for overtime, Defendant contends that the Salon
 20 Managers met all requirements to be classified as exempt employees during the
 21 Class Period as they were in charge of a department, supervised more than two
 22 employees, made hiring and firing recommendations that were typically followed,
 23 exercised discretion and judgment in carrying out their job duties, were paid more
 24 than the statutory minimum and spent more than 50% of their time carrying out
 25 exempt job duties. Plaintiffs, on the other hand, contend that the Salon Managers
 26 spent more than 50% of their time carrying out non-exempt job duties, that they
 27 did not exercise discretion and judgment in carrying out their job duties, and that
 28 they did not meet the other requisites for establishing any exemption from

1 California's overtime pay requirements.

2 b. With respect to the meal period claim, Defendant contends that as exempt
 3 employees, Salon Managers were not required to receive meal periods and as such
 4 no damages can be awarded under the Labor Code, but that in any event Salon
 5 Managers were provided with the opportunity to take meal periods. Plaintiffs, on
 6 the other hand, contend that the Salon Managers were non-exempt, and therefore
 7 entitled to meal periods and that they were not provided with meal periods within
 8 the meaning of the law.

9 c. With respect to the Labor Code section 203 claim Defendant contends that
 10 it did not violate the statute because all wages were timely paid out at the time of
 11 termination for all terminated Salon Managers. Plaintiffs, on the other hand,
 12 contend that, since overtime and meal period wages are owed, all wages were not
 13 timely paid out to terminated Salon Managers.

14 d. With respect to the Labor Code section 226 claim, Defendant contends that
 15 its paycheck stubs were compliant during the Class Period because the Salon
 16 Managers were properly classified as exempt employees. Plaintiffs, on the other
 17 hand, contend that the hours of work and pay rate information was deficient
 18 because, among other reasons, Salon Managers were not exempt and because total
 19 hours worked, missed meal periods, and applicable pay rates, including overtime
 20 and overtime, were not listed.

21 e. With respect to the unfair business practices claim, Defendant contends
 22 that since the Salon Managers were properly classified as exempt employees, no
 23 unfair business practice occurred. Plaintiffs, on the other hand, contend that the
 24 Salon Managers were not properly classified as exempt, and that the failure to pay
 25 them overtime wages and wages for meal periods that were not provided are
 26 unfair business practices within the meaning of California Business & Professions
 27 Code § 17200.

28 f. With respect to the PAGA claim, Defendant contends that it committed no

violations of the Labor Code and, as such, no penalties are owed. Plaintiffs, on the other hand, believe that Labor Code violations occurred and that Class Members are entitled to recover penalties.

10. It is the desire of the parties to fully, finally, and forever settle, compromise, and discharge all disputes and claims arising from or related to the claims alleged in the First Amended Complaint on behalf of Salon Managers, as well as any claims that could have been brought based on the facts alleged in the First Amended Complaint on behalf of Salon Managers.

11. It is the intention of the parties that this Stipulation of Settlement shall constitute a full and complete settlement and release of all claims raised in the First Amended Complaint against Defendant on behalf of Salon Managers or that could have been brought based on the facts alleged in the First Amended Complaint on behalf of Salon Managers, which release includes in its effect all present and former parent companies, owners, subsidiaries, related or affiliated companies, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, and successors and assigns of Defendant, and any individual or entity which could be jointly liable with Defendant. Other than the aforementioned claims, no claims are being released by Class Members, except named Plaintiff Susan Montegna, as described below.

12. Class Counsel has conducted a thorough investigation into the facts of this class action case and has diligently pursued an investigation of Class Members' claims against Defendant. This investigation included, but was not limited to, reviewing voluminous relevant documents, receiving contact information for the Class Members, and interviewing many of them with respect to their job duties and hours, and engaging an expert to review payroll information and prepare damages estimates based on the same. Based on its independent investigation and evaluation, Class Counsel is of the opinion that the settlement with Defendant for the consideration and on the terms set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement is fair, reasonable and adequate, and is in the best interest of Class Members in light of all known facts and circumstances, including the risk of significant delay, the risk that a class would not be certified by the Court for trial, defenses asserted by Defendant, disputes about the number of hours Class Members worked, and numerous potential appellate issues. Defendant and Defendant's counsel

agree that the Settlement is in the best interest of judicial efficiency.

13. The parties agree to cooperate and take all steps necessary and appropriate to dismiss this case with prejudice upon Court approval of the Settlement.

TERMS OF SETTLEMENT

14. NOW THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants, promises and agreements set forth herein, the parties agree, subject to the Court's approval, as follows:

a. It is agreed by and among Plaintiffs and Defendant that this case and any claims, damages, or causes of action arising out of the disputes which are the subject of this case, be settled and compromised as between the Settlement Class and Defendant, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation of Settlement and the approval of this Court.

b. Settlement Payment: Defendant agrees to pay One Million Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$1,400,000.00) (“Total Settlement Payment”), which shall fully resolve and satisfy all claims for attorney’s fees and costs, all payments to Class Members provided for under this Settlement, service payment to the named Plaintiff, Susan Montegna, and the costs of paying a third-party administrator to administer the Settlement (the “Settlement Administrator”). It is understood and agreed that Defendant’s maximum total liability under this Settlement shall not exceed the Total Settlement Payment, except for employer tax contributions that Defendant is responsible for paying in connection with the portions of settlement payments to Class Members under this Settlement that represent payments for wages. There shall be no reversion of any part of the Total Settlement Payment.

c. “Effective Date”: The settlement embodied in this Stipulation of Settlement shall become effective when all of the following events have occurred: (i) this Stipulation of Settlement has been executed by all parties and by Class Counsel and counsel for Defendant; (ii) the Court has given preliminary approval to the settlement; (iii) notice has been given to the putative members of the Settlement Class, providing them with an opportunity to opt out of or object to the

1 Settlement; (iv) the Court has held a final approval hearing and entered a final
 2 order and judgment certifying the Class, dismissing the Settlement Class action
 3 case with prejudice, and approving this Stipulation of Settlement; and (v) if there
 4 are no objections, then 30 days after entry of the final order; in the event there are
 5 written objections filed prior to the final approval hearing which are not later
 6 withdrawn, it will become final after the latest of the following events: if no
 7 appeal is filed, then 60 days after the entry of the final order; or, if an appeal is
 8 filed, upon the final dismissal of the appeal, writ or other appellate proceeding.
 9 The Parties' intention in defining the "Effective Date" in these terms is to have the
 10 Settlement become effective when settlement approval has become final in
 11 accordance with the terms of this paragraph.

12 d. Net Settlement Fund: The "Net Settlement Fund" shall be calculated by
 13 deducting from the Total Settlement Payment the sums set forth in Paragraph 16
 14 as the anticipated payments under this Settlement for attorneys' fees (up to 25%,
 15 which is \$350,000), costs (up to \$15,000), a service payment to the named
 16 Plaintiff, Susan Montegna (up to \$7,500.00), costs of settlement administration,
 17 which are estimated to be a maximum of \$20,000, and \$18,750, which will be paid
 18 to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency ("LWDA") as its
 19 share of the \$25,000 of the Total Settlement Payment which is for settlement of
 20 PAGA claims. (\$18,750 is seventy-five percent of the \$25,000 PAGA amount).
 21 Settlement awards to qualifying Class Members will be calculated by the
 22 Settlement Administrator, and paid out of the Net Settlement Fund as set forth
 23 below. In the event the Court awards less than the fees, costs and service
 24 payments above, the difference shall be added to the Net Settlement Fund and
 25 distributed to the Class Members.

26 e. Distribution of the Net Settlement Fund: The Net Settlement Fund is
 27 estimated to be approximately \$988,750 and shall be distributed in its entirety to
 28 qualifying Class Members as follows:

i. Settlement Awards Calculation: The amount of the Net Settlement Fund less the \$6,250 attributable to PAGA claims (that is, \$982,500) shall be distributed in its entirety to non-opt out Class Members as described below (“Qualifying Class Members”). Qualifying Class Members’ shares of the Net Settlement Fund, shall be calculated *pro rata* based on (a) the total number of workweeks worked by Qualifying Class One Members as Salon Managers during the Class Period and (b) the Average Weekly Salary of Qualifying Class Members during their period of employment as Salon Managers during the Class Period. (The Average Weekly Salary shall be the average of the Qualifying Class Member’s full-weekly salary rate at the start of his or her employment as a Salon Manager during the Class Period and his or her full-weekly salary rate at the end of his or her employment as a Salon Manager during the Class Period, unless the first and/or last full-weekly salary rates are outliers, in which case the closest representative full-weekly salary rate will be used.) For each Qualifying Class Member, the Settlement Administrator shall multiply the total number of workweeks worked by the Qualifying Class Member during the Class Period by the Qualifying Class Member’s Average Weekly Salary to determine an “individual numerator” for the Qualifying Class Member. The sum of all Qualifying Class Members’ individual numerators shall constitute the “class denominator.” Each Qualifying Class Member’s individual numerator will be divided by the class denominator to determine his or her *pro rata* share factor. Each Qualifying Class Member’s share of the Net Settlement Fund shall then be computed by multiplying his or her *pro rata* share factor by the Net

1 Settlement Fund less the \$6,250 attributable to PAGA claims (that
 2 is, \$982,500).

3 ii. Qualifying Class Members who worked as Salon Managers
 4 between July 28, 2008 and the end of the Class Period (that is, the
 5 PAGA Period), will each receive an additional lump sum payment
 6 as their share of the \$6,250 of the Net Settlement Fund which is
 7 attributable to PAGA claims. The individual lump sum payments
 8 will be determined by dividing the \$6,250 by the total number of
 9 Qualifying Class Members who worked as Salon Managers during
 10 the PAGA Period.

11 iii. Allocation of Settlement Awards and Computation of Employer
 12 Tax Payments: Fifty percent of the monies paid out to Class
 13 Members from the Net Settlement Fund are considered wages and
 14 will be subject to tax withholdings. The other fifty percent shall be
 15 considered payment for all other damages, including interest and
 16 penalties. To the extent necessary, an IRS Form W-2 will be issued
 17 to each Class Member reflecting their payments for the wage
 18 payment portion and a Form 1099 will be issued for all other
 19 damages and interest. In addition to the Total Settlement Payment
 20 of \$1,400,000, Defendant shall be responsible for paying the
 21 amounts of employer tax contributions (e.g., FICA, FUTA) for the
 22 portions of the payments to Class Members paid for wages
 23 ("Employer Tax Payments"). The amounts of the Employer Tax
 24 Payments shall be calculated by the Settlement Administrator.

25 iv. Settlement Awards Do Not Trigger Additional Benefits: It is
 26 expressly understood and agreed that the receipt of settlement
 27 payments will not entitle any Class Member to additional
 28 compensation or benefits under any company bonus, contest or

other compensation or benefit plan or agreement in place during the period covered by the Settlement, nor will it entitle any Class Member to any increased retirement, 401k benefits or matching benefits, or deferred compensation benefits. It is the intent of this Settlement that the settlement awards provided for in this Agreement are the sole payments to be made by Defendant to the Class Members, and that the Class Members are not entitled to any new or additional compensation or benefits as a result of having received the settlement payments (notwithstanding any contrary language or agreement in any benefit or compensation plan document that might have been in effect during the period covered by this Settlement).

f. Attorneys' Fees: Subject to Court approval and/or modification, Defendant further agrees to pay attorneys' fees from the Total Settlement Payment as set forth in Paragraph 16 below.

g. Costs: Subject to Court approval, Defendant does not object to the payment of up to \$15,000 from the Total Settlement Payment for costs and expenses incurred by Class Counsel in prosecuting this case. Should Class Counsel request a lesser amount and/or the Court approve a lesser amount, the difference shall be added to the Net Settlement Fund apportioned for payment to the Settlement Class. The costs will be paid in their entirety in the amount claimed and/or awarded to Class Counsel.

h. Class Representative: Subject to Court approval, Defendant does not object to the payment of not more than Seven Thousand, Five Hundred Dollars (\$7,500) from the Total Settlement Payment to named plaintiff, Susan Montegna, as a service payment for her service as a Class Representative and as additional compensation for executing a general release. This payment is in addition to her share of the Net Settlement Fund. Defendant will issue an IRS Form 1099 for the

1 service payment to the named Class Representative for her service as a Class
 2 Representative, and the Class Representative will be responsible for correctly
 3 characterizing this compensation for tax purposes and for paying any taxes on the
 4 amount received. Should the Court approve a service payment to the Class
 5 Representative in an amount less than that set forth above, the difference shall be
 6 added to the Net Settlement Fund apportioned for payment to the Settlement Class
 7 and distributed to the Class Members accordingly.

8 i. Settlement Administrator: The parties agree that the cost of the Settlement
 9 Administrator associated with the administration of this Settlement shall be taken
 10 from the Total Settlement Payment, and it is estimated that this will be a
 11 maximum of \$20,000. In the event the actual amount for settlement
 12 administration is less, then the difference shall be added to the Net Settlement
 13 Fund apportioned for payment to the Settlement Class and distributed to the Class
 14 Members accordingly. Subject to Court approval, the Settlement Administrator
 15 shall be chosen jointly by the parties, acting through their counsel.

16 j. Funding of the Total Settlement Fund and Employer Tax Payments by
 17 Defendant: It is understood and agreed by the parties that the Settlement
 18 Administrator shall be responsible for paying the settlement awards to Qualifying
 19 Class Members, and for paying the Employer Tax Payments to the applicable
 20 taxing authorities, from an account to be established for these purposes by the
 21 Settlement Administrator and funded by Defendant. No later than ten (10)
 22 business days after the Effective Date, Defendant shall wire to the account
 23 established by the Settlement Administrator (i) the amount of the Total Settlement
 24 Fund, and (ii) the total amount of the Employer Tax Payments as calculated by the
 25 Settlement Administrator.

26 k. Request for Exclusion: Under the schedule set forth below, each Class
 27 Member shall be sent a "Notice Packet" containing a Notice of Pendency of Class
 28 Action and Proposed Settlement. In order to be a Qualifying Class Member

entitled to receive a settlement award, a Class Member must not opt out. In order to exclude him/herself from the Settlement Class, a Class Member must mail or deliver a written, signed statement requesting exclusion so that it is received by the Settlement Administrator no later than forty-five (45) days after the date that the Settlement Administrator mails the Notice Packets to all Class Members.

Among other information, the Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement will inform Class Members of the required procedures and deadlines for submitting requests for exclusion. A Class Member who submits a valid and timely request for exclusion will not participate in or be bound by the Settlement and the Judgment. A Class Member who does not submit a timely and valid written exclusion request from the Settlement in the manner and by the deadline specified above will be bound by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, if the Settlement is approved by the Court, and by the Judgment.

I. Right to Object: The Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement will also notify the Class Members that any objection to the settlement must be mailed or delivered to the Settlement Administrator so that it is received no later than forty-five (45) days after the Settlement Administrator mails out the Notice Packet to all Class Members, and provide the specific procedure that must be followed to submit an objection in writing. No class member may object orally at the final fairness hearing unless he or she has timely filed a proper objection in writing. If a Class Member opts out of the Settlement s/he has no right to object to it.

m. Payment of Service Payments to Class Representative: Defendant will pay the service payments approved by the Court to Plaintiff Susan Montegna on the same date Class Counsel are paid their attorneys' fees and costs.

n. Right to Rescission by Defendant: If more than ten percent (10%) of the Class Members opt out of the settlement by submitting valid and timely requests for exclusion, Defendant has the right in its sole discretion to rescind and void the

1 parties' Settlement by giving written notice to Class Counsel at least ten (10)
 2 business days prior to the final approval hearing.

3 o. In addition, and subject to the obligation(s) of Mutual Full Cooperation set
 4 forth below, either Party may terminate this Settlement if the Court declines to
 5 enter the Preliminary Approval Order, the Final Approval Order or final judgment
 6 in substantially the form submitted by the Parties, or the Stipulation of Settlement
 7 as agreed does not become final because of appellate court action. The
 8 terminating Party shall give to the other Party (through its counsel) written notice
 9 of its decision to terminate no later than twenty (20) days after receiving notice
 10 that one of the above-listed events has occurred. Termination shall have the
 11 following effects:

- 12 i. The Settlement Agreement shall be terminated and shall have no
 13 force or effect, and no Party shall be bound by any of its terms.
- 14 ii. In the event the Settlement is terminated, Defendant shall have no
 15 obligation to make any payments to any party, class member or
 16 attorney, except that Defendant shall pay the Settlement
 17 Administrator for services rendered up to the date the Settlement
 18 Administrator is notified that the Settlement has been terminated.
- 19 iii. The Preliminary Approval Order, Final Approval Order and
 20 Judgment, including any order of class certification, shall be
 21 vacated.
- 22 iv. The Stipulation of Settlement and all negotiations, statements and
 23 proceedings relating thereto shall be without prejudice to the rights
 24 of any of the Parties, all of whom shall be restored to their
 25 respective positions in the Lawsuit prior to the settlement.
- 26 v. Except as otherwise discoverable, neither this Stipulated
 27 Settlement, nor any ancillary documents, actions, statements or
 28 filings in furtherance of settlement (including all matters associated

with the mediation) shall be admissible or offered into evidence in the Lawsuit or any other action for any purpose whatsoever.

CLAIMS ADMINISTRATION

4 15. The Settlement Administrator will send out the Notice Packets to the Class
5 Members. The Settlement Administrator will independently review Defendant's information
6 provided to the Settlement Administrator as to the number of workweeks worked by the Class
7 Members during the Class Periods and their salaries and will calculate the amounts due to Class
8 Members in accordance with this Stipulation of Settlement. The Settlement Administrator shall
9 report, in summary or narrative form, the substance of its findings. The Settlement Administrator
10 shall be granted reasonable access to Defendant's records in order to perform its duties, if the
11 Settlement Administrator submits a written request to review Defendant's records to Defendant's
12 counsel. Defendant shall comply with all such written requests within five days. All disputes
13 relating to the Settlement Administrator's performance of its duties shall be referred to the Court,
14 if necessary, which will have continuing jurisdiction over the terms and conditions of this
15 Stipulation of Settlement until all payments and obligations contemplated by this Stipulation of
16 Settlement have been fully carried out. Class Counsel shall be given access to information to be
17 able to verify and monitor the proper administration and carrying out of the terms of this
18 Settlement. Class Counsel will not be provided with social security numbers for the Class
19 Members except upon a Court Order based on a showing of good cause.

ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS

16. In consideration for settling this matter and in exchange for the release of all
claims by the Settlement Class, and subject to final approval and/or modification by the Court,
Defendant does not object to the payment to Class Counsel of attorneys' fees up to 25% of the
Total Settlement Payment, which fees would be \$350,000. The attorneys' fees are to compensate
Class Counsel for all the work already performed in this case, and all the work remaining to be
performed in documenting the Settlement, securing Court approval of the Settlement, making
sure the Settlement is fairly administered and implemented, and obtaining dismissal of the
Settlement Class claims with prejudice. In addition, Class Counsel may seek up to \$15,000 in

1 costs for cost incurred in prosecuting these claims. Should Class Counsel request a lesser amount
 2 and/or the Court approve a lesser amount of attorneys' fees and/or costs and expenses, the
 3 difference shall be added to the Net Settlement Fund apportioned for payment to the Settlement
 4 Class and distributed to the Class Members accordingly. The attorneys' fees and costs approved
 5 by the Court shall be paid to Class Counsel within ten (10) days of the Effective Date. This
 6 means, for example, that if final approval is granted, and there are no objections, that the fees will
 7 be paid 40 days after final approval is granted.

8 NOTICE TO THE CLASS

9 17. A Notice of Pendency of Class Action, Proposed Settlement and Hearing Date for
 10 Final Court Approval ("Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement") in
 11 essentially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "A," and as approved by the Court, shall be sent
 12 by the Settlement Administrator to the Class Members, by first class mail. Any returned
 13 envelopes from this mailing with forwarding addresses will be utilized by the Settlement
 14 Administrator to forward the Notice to the Class Members.

15 a. Within seven (7) business days of the preliminary approval of this
 16 Settlement Agreement, Defendant shall provide to the Settlement Administrator
 17 information containing the name, last known address and social security number
 18 of each Class Member, and the date when the Class Member became a Salon
 19 Manager and the end date of when the Class Member stopped being a Salon
 20 Manager, or if the Class Member is still a Salon Manager, a statement to that
 21 effect. This database information shall be provided in a format that is compatible
 22 with the Settlement Administrator. Defendant agrees to consult with the
 23 Settlement Administrator prior to the production date to ensure that the format will
 24 be compatible with the Settlement Administrator. The Settlement Administrator
 25 will run a check of the Class Members' addresses against those on file with the
 26 U.S. Postal Service's National Change of Address List; this check will be
 27 performed only once per Class Member by the Settlement Administrator. Within
 28 twenty (20) calendar days of the granting of Preliminary Approval, the Settlement

Administrator will mail the Notice to the Class Members and transmit copies of the updated database to Class Counsel and defense counsel.

b. Notices returned to the Settlement Administrator as non-delivered during the forty-five day period for the filing of opt-outs or objections shall be resent within five (5) days to the forwarding address, if any, on the returned envelope.

For Class Members whose Notice is returned as undeliverable and who are currently employed by Defendant, Defendant shall request such individual to provide an updated address and forward such addresses to the Settlement Administrator for remailing. If there is no updated or forwarding address provided, or for Class Members who are former employees, the Settlement Administrator may do a computer search for a new address using the Class Member's social security number; this search need only be performed once per Class Member by the Settlement Administrator. Upon completion of these steps by the Settlement Administrator, Defendant shall be deemed to have satisfied its obligation to provide the Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Settlement to the affected member of the Settlement Class. The affected member of the Settlement Class shall remain a member of the Settlement Class and shall be bound by all the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and the Court's Order and Final Judgment.

c. The Settlement Administrator shall provide to Class Counsel for filing with the Court, at least ten (10) days prior to the final approval hearing, a declaration by the Settlement Administrator of due diligence and proof of mailing with regard to the mailing of the Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement.

CLAIMS PROCESS

18. No opt out request will be honored if late received, unless good cause exists for
the late filing, or counsel for Defendant and Class Counsel mutually agree to accept the late opt
out notice.

1 19. The Settlement Administrator will certify jointly to Class Counsel and
 2 Defendant's Counsel any opt outs that were timely filed. Upon completion of its calculation of
 3 payments, and at least seven (7) business days prior to the final approval hearing, the Settlement
 4 Administrator shall provide Class Counsel and Defendant's Counsel with a report listing the
 5 amount of all payments to be made to each Class Member and the amounts of the Employer's
 6 Tax Payments.

7 20. The Settlement Administrator shall thereafter be responsible for issuing and
 8 mailing the settlement checks and IRS Forms as required by this Settlement Agreement to Class
 9 Members. Those settlement checks will be mailed by the Settlement Administrator within ten
 10 days after the Settlement Administrator receives payment from the Defendant within the time set
 11 forth above (which is within ten (10) business days of the Effective Date). Proof of payment will
 12 be filed with the Court by the Class Counsel after it receives notice from the Settlement
 13 Administrator that the payments have been mailed. Settlement award checks shall remain valid
 14 and negotiable for ninety (90) days from the date of their issuance.

15 21. Should there remain any residual from the Net Settlement Fund after all payments
 16 are made under this Settlement Agreement (for example, if any settlement checks are not cashed
 17 within 90 calendar days after mailing), and at such time as the Settlement Administrator has
 18 determined when its liability, and the liability of the Fund, for tax or other obligations has been
 19 fully satisfied, and that the Fund may be terminated, and if the residual amount exceeds \$50,000,
 20 the Settlement Administrator shall proceed with a second distribution to the Settlement Class,
 21 barring some good cause not to. If the residual amount is less than \$50,000, it shall be donated to
 22 the Bar Association of San Francisco Pro Bono and Community Service Committee, or such
 23 other charitable organization approved by the Court (the "*Cy Pres* Beneficiary"). Likewise, any
 24 checks from the second distribution that go uncashed will be paid to the *Cy Pres* Beneficiary.
 25 Any funds allocated for payment of the Settlement Administrator that were not used for that
 26 purpose and that were not ascertained in time to be included in settlement awards to Qualifying
 27 Class Members as provided above shall likewise be paid to the *Cy Pres* Beneficiary.
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RELEASE BY THE CLASS

22.

a. Upon the final approval by the Court of this Stipulation of Settlement, and except as to such rights or claims as may be created by this Stipulation of Settlement, the Settlement Class and each member of the Class who has not submitted a valid request for exclusion, fully releases and discharges Defendant, its present and former parent companies, owners, subsidiaries, related or affiliated companies, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys, insurers, successors and assigns, and any individual or entity which could be jointly liable with Defendant or any of them, from any and all claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees, damages, action or causes of action for, damages due to an alleged failure to pay overtime (including the straight time component of any claimed overtime hours), timely pay wages, provide meal periods, pay a premium for missed meal periods, failure to provide compliant wage statements, or any other claims that could have been brought based on the allegations in the First Amended Complaint, including, but not limited to claims for any alleged violation of California Code of Regulations Title 8, sections 11040, California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204, 210, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, and a claim for penalties due to an alleged violation of said Labor Code sections, including but not limited to any claims under the Private Attorney General Act (Labor Code section 2699 et seq.), and a release of unfair business claims brought pursuant to the Business and Professions Code based on alleged violations of the above mentioned Labor Code sections and Regulations, as well as a release of all claimed attorneys' fees and costs arising out of such claims, from July 28, 2005 up to March 27, 2009; the date when Defendant reclassified its Salon Managers as non-exempt employees. This release is limited to claims arising from employment as a Salon Manager. This release does not apply to claims other than those arising out of time worked

during the class period as a salon manager. This release does not apply to claims for General Managers or to claims not pled in the First Amended Complaint or arising out of facts pled in the First Amended Complaint.

b. Claims not released are those not plead in the First Amended Complaint or which could not be brought based on the facts alleged in the First Amended Complaint and there is no Civil Code section 1542 waiver except with respect to named Plaintiff Susan Montegna. Susan Montegna agrees to provide a Civil Code Section 1542 waiver with respect to any claims that she may have against Defendant. In addition, no Class Member releases any claims arising while employed by Defendant in a job position other than Salon Manager.

c. Plaintiff Susan Montegna hereby agrees that all rights under section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California are hereby waived by her. Section 1542 provides as follows: "A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor." As such, Susan Montegna understands and agrees that she is providing Defendant with a full and complete release of any and all claims, known or unknown, that she may have against Defendant in consideration of her service payment.

DUTIES OF THE PARTIES PRIOR TO COURT APPROVAL

23. The parties shall promptly submit this Stipulation of Settlement to the Honorable Jeffrey S. White of the United States District Court, Northern District of California in support of Plaintiffs' Motion for Preliminary Approval and determination by the Court as to its fairness, adequacy, and reasonableness. Promptly upon execution of this Stipulation of Settlement, the parties shall apply to the Court for the entry of an order which shall include:

a. Scheduling a final approval hearing as soon as practicable with the Court's calendar ninety (90) days after preliminary approval is granted by the Court, on the question of whether the proposed Settlement, including payment of attorneys'

1 fees and costs, and the Class Representative's service payment, should be finally
 2 approved as fair, reasonable and adequate as to the members of the Settlement
 3 Class;

4 b. Certifying a Salon Manager Settlement Class, with Plaintiff Susan
 5 Montegna as the class representative, and the law firm listed in paragraph four as
 6 Class Counsel;

7 c. Dismissing the individual claims of named Plaintiff Eunice Lee, as well as
 8 the class allegations on behalf of Ulta General Managers without prejudice.

9 d. Approving as to form and content the proposed Notice of Pendency of
 10 Class Action and Proposed Settlement;

11 e. Approving as to the process by which Class Members may seek exclusion;

12 f. Directing the mailing of the Notice of Pendency of Class Action and
 13 Proposed Settlement by first class mail to the Class Members;

14 g. Preliminarily approving the Settlement subject only to the objections of
 15 Class Members and final review by the Court; and

16 h. Enjoining all Settlement Class Members from filing or prosecuting any
 17 claims, suits or administrative proceedings (including filing claims with the
 18 California Division of Labor Standards Enforcement and LWDA) unless and until
 19 such Class Members have filed valid Exclusion requests with the Settlement
 20 Administrator.

21 24. Prior to the final approval hearing, Class Counsel will prepare and, after review
 22 and approval by Defendant, submit to the Court a proposed final order and judgment of
 23 dismissal, including:

24 a. Approving the Settlement, adjudging the terms thereof to be fair,
 25 reasonable and adequate, and directing consummation of its terms and provisions;

26 b. Approving Class Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and
 27 reimbursement of costs;

28 c. Approving the service payment to the Class Representative, Susan

1 Montegna; and

2 d. Dismissing the entire action with prejudice as to the Settlement Class and
 3 permanently barring and enjoining all members of the Settlement Class of Salon
 4 Managers from prosecuting against Defendant, its present or former parent
 5 companies, including but not limited to, subsidiaries, related or affiliated
 6 companies, owners, shareholders, officers, directors, employees, agents, attorneys,
 7 insurers, and successors and assigns, and any individual or entity which could be
 8 jointly liable with Defendant or any of them, any individual or class or collective
 9 claims released herein pursuant to Paragraph 22 above subject to the Court's
 10 jurisdiction over the implementation and carrying out of the settlement agreement.

11 **PARTIES' AUTHORITY**

12 25. The signatories hereto hereby represent that they are fully authorized to enter into
 13 this Stipulation of Settlement and bind the parties hereto to the terms and conditions thereof.

14 **MUTUAL FULL COOPERATION**

15 26 The parties agree to fully cooperate with each other to accomplish the terms of this
 16 Stipulation of Settlement, including but not limited to, execution of such documents and taking
 17 such other action as reasonably may be necessary to implement the terms of this Stipulation of
 18 Settlement. The parties to this Stipulation of Settlement shall use their best efforts, including all
 19 efforts contemplated by this Stipulation of Settlement and any other efforts that may become
 20 necessary by order of the Court, or otherwise, to effectuate this Stipulation of Settlement and the
 21 terms set forth herein. As soon as practicable after execution of this Stipulation of Settlement,
 22 Class Counsel shall, with the assistance and cooperation of Defendant and its counsel, take all
 23 necessary steps to secure the Court's final approval of this Stipulation of Settlement.

24 27. Defendant and its counsel agree that they will not attempt to encourage or
 25 discourage Class Members from seeking exclusion. Defendant will take no action in retaliation
 26 against any employee who asserts any rights in connection with this case. Defendant will not
 27 initiate contact or communication with Class Members about this case. However, if Defendant is
 28 asked a question about the settlement by a Class Member, Defendant may tell the Class Member

1 that participating is their choice, that retaliation will not occur if they choose to participate, and
 2 that if they have any other questions they should follow the process explained in the notice of
 3 settlement. Apart from this, Defendant shall not say any more than is necessary to answer the
 4 Class Member's specific question and shall not offer any opinions about the case or make any
 5 statements to suggest in any way that there may be a benefit or advantage to opting out.

6 Plaintiffs and Class Counsel agree they will not attempt to encourage or discourage Class
 7 Members from seeking exclusion. It is understood, however, that Class Counsel may provide
 8 legal advice and counsel to Class Members who seek such advice from them and may provide
 9 appropriate information to Class Members concerning their rights and the factors underlying the
 10 claims in this case and the Settlement.

11 **NO PRIOR ASSIGNMENTS**

12 28. The parties and their counsel represent, covenant, and warrant that they have not
 13 directly or indirectly, assigned, transferred, encumbered, or purported to assign, transfer, or
 14 encumber to any person or entity any portion of any liability, claim, demand, action, cause of
 15 action or rights herein released and discharged except as set forth herein.

16 **NO ADMISSION**

17 29. Nothing contained herein, nor the consummation of this Stipulation of Settlement,
 18 is to be construed or deemed an admission of liability, culpability, negligence, or wrongdoing on
 19 the part of Defendant or any of them. Each of the parties hereto has entered into this Stipulation
 20 of Settlement solely with the intention to avoid further disputes and litigation with the attendant
 21 inconvenience and expenses. In the event the Court does not give final approval to the
 22 settlement, this stipulation and any documents submitted to the Court by either party in support of
 23 this settlement shall have no force and effect and may not be used by either party for any
 24 purposes not connected with this settlement, such as opposing or supporting a contested motion
 25 for class certification, but such exclusion shall not include any appeal from the grant or denial of
 26 approval of the settlement.

27 **ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS**

28 30. In the event that one or more of the parties to this Stipulation of Settlement

1 institutes any legal action or other proceeding against any other party or parties to enforce the
2 provisions of this Stipulation of Settlement or to declare rights and/or obligations under this
3 Stipulation of Settlement, the successful party or parties shall be entitled to recover from the
4 unsuccessful party or parties reasonable attorneys' fees and costs, including expert witness fees
5 incurred in connection with any enforcement actions and interest at the legal rate in the event the
6 action is to enforce payment obligations.

7 NOTICES

8 31. Unless otherwise specifically provided herein, all notices, demands or other
9 communications given hereunder shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given
10 as of the third business day after mailing by United States registered or certified mail, return
11 receipt requested, addressed as follows:

12 To Plaintiffs and the Settlement Class:

13 John T. Mullan, Esq.
14 Rudy, Exelrod, Zieff & Lowe, LLP
15 351 California Street, Suite 700
16 San Francisco, CA 94104
17 Telephone: (415) 434-9800
Facsimile: (415) 434-0513

18 To the Defendant:

19 John Kloosterman, Esq.
20 Littler Mendelson
21 650 California Street, 20th Floor
22 San Francisco, CA 94108-2693
23 Telephone: 415.677.3128
Facsimile: 415.743.6581

24 CONSTRUCTION

25 32. The parties hereto agree that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation of
26 Settlement are the result of lengthy, intensive arms-length negotiations between the parties, and
27 this Stipulation of Settlement shall not be construed in favor of or against any party by reason of
28 the extent to which any party or his, her or its counsel participated in the drafting of this

1 Stipulation of Settlement.

2 **CAPTIONS AND INTERPRETATIONS**

3 33. Paragraph titles or captions contained herein are inserted as a matter of
4 convenience and for reference, and in no way define, limit, extend, or describe the scope of this
5 Stipulation of Settlement or any provision hereof. Each term of this Stipulation of Settlement is
6 contractual and not merely a recital.

7 **MODIFICATION**

8 34. This Stipulation of Settlement may not be changed, altered, or modified, except in
9 writing and signed by the parties hereto, and approved by the Court. This Stipulation of
10 Settlement may not be discharged except by performance in accordance with its terms or by a
11 writing signed by the parties hereto.

12 **INTEGRATION CLAUSE**

13 35. This Stipulation of Settlement contains the entire agreement between the parties
14 relating to the settlement and transaction contemplated hereby, and all prior or contemporaneous
15 agreements, understandings, representations, and statements, whether oral or written and whether
16 by a party or such party's legal counsel, are merged herein. No rights hereunder may be waived
17 except in writing.

18 **BINDING ON ASSIGNS**

19 36. This Stipulation of Settlement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the
20 parties hereto and their respective heirs, trustees, executors, administrators, successors and
21 assigns.

22 **CLASS COUNSEL SIGNATORIES**

23 37. It is agreed that because the members of the Class are so numerous, it is
24 impossible or impractical to have each member of the Class execute this Stipulation of
25 Settlement. The Notice of Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement, Exhibit "A"
26 hereto, will advise all Class Members of the binding nature and scope of the release, and the
27 release shall have the same force and effect as if this Stipulation of Settlement were executed by
28 each member of the Class.



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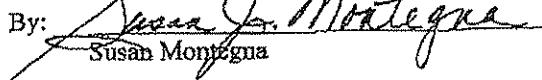
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8 Class Representative9 Dated: 7/21/10, 2010

10 PLAINTIFF SUSAN MONTEGNA

11 By: 

Susan Montegna

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13 Defendant14 Dated: 7/22, 201015 DEFENDANT ULTA SALON, COSMETICS &
16 FRAGRANCE, INC17 By: 

Robert Gutman

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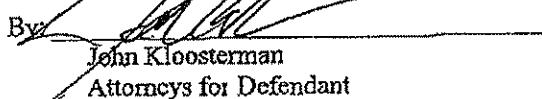
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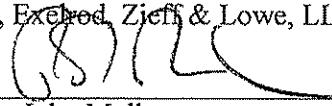
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Class Representative9
Dated: _____, 201010
PLAINTIFF SUSAN MONTEGNA11
By: _____
Susan Montegna12
Defendant13
Dated: _____, 201014
DEFENDANT ULTA SALON, COSMETICS &
15 FRAGRANCE, INC16
By: _____17
Class Counsel18
Dated: 7-21, 201019
Rudy, Exelrod, Zieff & Lowe, LLP20
By: 
John Mullan
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Attorneys for Plaintiffs22
Defendant's Counsel23
Dated: _____, 201024
LITTLER MENDELSON25
By: _____
John Kloosterman
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Attorneys for Defendant

EXHIBIT A

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO / OAKLAND DIVISION

EUNICE LEE, and SUSAN MONTEGNA,
individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated,

Case No. 09-04022 (JSW)

CLASS ACTION

Plaintiffs,

v.

ULTA SALON, COSMETICS &
FRAGRANCE, INC.

NOTICE OF (1) PENDENCY OF
PUTATIVE CLASS ACTION FOR
PURPOSES OF SETTLEMENT; (2)
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT OF
CLASS ACTION; AND (3) HEARING
ON PROPOSED SETTLEMENT

Defendant.

Before: Honorable Jeffrey S. White

Complaint Filed: July 28, 2009

NOTICE OF CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

TO: ALL SALON MANAGERS EMPLOYED BY ULTA SALONS, COSMETICS &
FRAGRANCE, INC. IN CALIFORNIA DURING THE PERIOD FROM JULY 28,
2005 TO MARCH 27, 2009.

RE: SETTLEMENT OF CLAIMS FOR UNPAID OVERTIME COMPENSATION,
MISSED MEAL BREAKS, AND ALL RELATED CLAIMS FOR RELIEF.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY

IT MAY AFFECT YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

I. INTRODUCTION

You may be a “class member” who is entitled to receive money under the preliminarily approved settlement (“Settlement”) in the above-captioned action for unpaid overtime wages, interest, and penalties. In order to understand your potential right to participate in, exclude yourself from, or object to the Settlement, you should read this Notice carefully. You may be entitled to thousands of dollars under the terms of this Class Action Settlement. The actual amounts paid to individual class members will vary, and be higher or lower, according to: (a) the class member’s length of employment as An Ulta Salon Manager during the “Class Period” (July 28, 2005 to March 27, 2009), and (b) the average of the class member’s starting and ending salary as a Salon Manager during the Class Period.

THIS NOTICE IS TO INFORM YOU ABOUT:

- THE STATUS OF THE LAWSUIT;
- YOUR RIGHTS WITH RESPECT TO THE PROPOSED SETTLEMENT;
- THE METHOD THAT WILL BE USED TO CALCULATE YOUR PAYOUT FROM THE SETTLEMENT FUND;
- YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO OPT OUT OF THIS SETTLEMENT; AND
- YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO FILE WITH THE COURT ANY OBJECTIONS YOU MAY HAVE TO THE SETTLEMENT

II. BACKGROUND OF LAWSUIT AND SETTLEMENT

On or about July 28, 2009, Plaintiffs filed a proposed Class Action Complaint in the San Mateo County Superior Court against Ulta on behalf of themselves and all other current and former employees similarly situated claiming that Ulta violated the California Labor Code and the California Business and Professions Code. Plaintiffs later filed an amended version of their complaint. Ulta has filed an “answer” denying all of Plaintiffs’ allegations, and Ulta continues to

1 maintain that it has committed no unlawful or wrongful acts.

2 Plaintiffs allege that Ulta wrongly classified its California Salon Managers as “exempt”
 3 from receiving overtime pay and unlawfully failed to pay them overtime wages on that basis. The
 4 complaint seeks payment of unpaid overtime wages plus interest. The complaint also alleges that
 5 additional wages are due because Salon Managers regularly worked more than five hours in a
 6 workday without being provided a meal period of at least thirty minutes during which they were
 7 relieved of all duty; that damages are due because Ulta failed to provide Salon Managers with
 8 regular itemized written statements showing, among other things, total hours worked, all
 9 applicable hourly rates during the pay period, and the corresponding number of hours worked at
 10 each rate by the employee; and that penalties are due for non-payment of any overtime wages due
 11 to Salon Managers at the time they separated from their employment (known as “waiting time
 12 penalties”). The complaint also seeks certain other penalties available under the Labor Code, as
 13 well as reasonable attorney’s fees and reimbursement of the costs of litigation.

14 Ulta denies all of Plaintiffs’ claims and has raised various factual and legal defenses to
 15 those claims, and has agreed to the proposed Settlement without any admission of wrongdoing.
 16 For example, Ulta pleads as affirmative defenses that its California Salon Managers were
 17 lawfully and properly classified and paid as being exempt from overtime pay; that Ulta has paid
 18 Salon Managers all the wages due to them; and that any violation committed by Ulta, which Ulta
 19 denies, was committed in good faith, so that no penalties are warranted. Ulta also denied any
 20 liability for attorney’s fees or costs.

21 **The Court has not made a determination about any of the contentions of the parties.**
 22 **This Notice is not to be understood as an expression of any opinion by the Court as to the**
 23 **merits of the claims or defenses asserted by either side.**

24 Even though the parties disagree, they have agreed to settle this case to resolve the class
 25 action claim and a proposed settlement (“Settlement”) of the proposed class action claims in the
 26 above-captioned lawsuit for overtime compensation has been reached by the parties in this case.
 27 Judge Jeffrey S. White of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California has
 28 conditionally certified a settlement class of Salon Managers and granted preliminary approval of

1 the Settlement. The action has been certified solely for the purpose of Plaintiffs' proposed
 2 settlement with Ulta and for no other purpose. In the event the Settlement is not finally approved
 3 by the Court, the Court's order certifying the class for settlement purposes only will be vacated.

4 The proposed Settlement will resolve all of the claims against Ulta Salons, Cosmetics &
 5 Fragrance, Inc. ("Ulta") for overtime compensation, meal periods not provided, interest and
 6 penalties that were made in this lawsuit on behalf of Salon Managers as more fully described
 7 hereinafter in the section entitled "Dismissal of Case and Release of Claims." A hearing will be
 8 held on [HEARING DATE], at [HEARING TIME], before the Honorable Jeffrey S. White of
 9 the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Ave., Courtroom 11,
 10 San Francisco, CA 94102, to determine whether the proposed Settlement of claims against Ulta is
 11 fair and reasonable and should be finally approved.

12 If the Court does not approve the Settlement, Plaintiffs and Ulta have the right to
 13 withdraw from the settlement and continue litigating as if no settlement had been reached and no
 14 settlement class had been certified.

15 If you worked for Ulta as a California employee holding the position of Salon Manager
 16 during the period from July 28, 2005 to March 27, 2009, you are entitled to receive a Settlement
 17 Share – *i.e.*, a share of the "Net Settlement Fund" created by the Settlement – unless you "opt
 18 out" of the Settlement, as described below. **Please note:** if you do not timely and properly opt out
 19 of the Settlement, you will be bound by the terms of the Settlement and the final judgment
 20 entered in this action, even if you file objections to the Settlement.

21 III. WHAT IS A CLASS ACTION?

22 A class action is a lawsuit in which the claims and rights of many similarly situated
 23 people are decided in a single court proceeding. One or more representative plaintiffs, also
 24 known as "class representatives," file a lawsuit seeking to assert claims on behalf of the entire
 25 class. If appropriate to the circumstances of the case, the judge decides to "certify" the case as a
 26 class action, which means that all class members' claims will be decided together. Plaintiffs
 27 believe that by resolving many people's common claims simultaneously, the class action
 28 mechanism provides efficiency and allows individuals who may not be able to find or afford an

1 attorney to assert their claims in court. In this case, the Court has certified this class action for
 2 settlement purposes.

3 **IV. WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THIS NOTICE?**

4 Judge Jeffrey S. White of the U.S. District Court, Northern District of California has
 5 ordered that this Notice be sent to you because, according to Ulta's records, you appear to be a
 6 class member; that is, you were employed by Ulta in California in the position of Salon Manager
 7 at some point between July 28, 2005 and March 27, 2009. The purpose of this Notice is to
 8 inform you of the proposed Settlement and of your rights under it, including:

- 9 • To inform you that you may be entitled to money from the Settlement;
- 10 • To inform you of the information upon which your Settlement Share will be based;
- 11 • To inform you that if you do not "opt out" of the Settlement Class you will be bound by
 the terms of the Settlement, meaning that you will release your right to sue Ulta for
 overtime wages and other claims during the time you were a class member;
- 12 • To inform you of your right to opt out of the Settlement Classes, and thereby not be
 bound by the Settlement and Court judgment in this matter;
- 13 • To inform you of your right to file objections to the Settlement.

14 **V. WHAT ARE THE TERMS OF THE SETTLEMENT?**

15 The parties have agreed to settle this matter for a "Total Settlement Payment" by Ulta of
 16 \$1,400,000. In addition, Ulta will also pay the employer's usual share of payroll taxes (for
 17 example, Social Security and Medicare) on those payments to class members that are determined
 18 to be for unpaid wages (as opposed to interest or penalties). Ulta is paying its share of tax only on
 19 amounts determined to be wages, and is not paying the employee's income tax.

20 Subject to final Court approval, the following expenses will be deducted from the
 21 \$1,400,000 Settlement Payment prior to distribution of the remaining "Net Settlement Fund"
 22 monies (estimated to be approximately \$988,750) to Settlement Class Members who do not
 23 timely opt-out of the Settlement Class:

24 • Settlement Administration Fees: Approximately \$20,000 of the Settlement
 25 Payment will be used to pay a "Settlement Administrator" for its services and costs in

1 administering the Settlement.

2 • Service Payment to the Class Representative: Class Representative Susan
 3 Montegna will receive up to \$7,500 from the \$1,400,000 Total Settlement Payment. This
 4 payment is made because the Class Representative provided many hours of service to the
 5 Settlement Class, and in addition to the Settlement Shares she is eligible to receive in her
 6 capacity as a class member.

7 • \$18,750 is required by law to be paid to the California Labor and
 8 Workforce Development Agency, representing 75% of the amount of the Total Settlement
 9 Payment that is for settlement of claims brought under the Labor Code Private Attorneys General
 10 Act.

11 • Attorney's Fees and Costs: Plaintiffs' attorneys ("Class Counsel") will
 12 apply to the Court for attorney's fees in the amount of 25% of the Total Settlement Payment, for
 13 a total of \$350,000, and reimbursement of up to \$15,000 in costs incurred by Class Counsel in
 14 pursuing the claims on behalf of the Settlement Class.

15 Please note that none of the \$1,400,000 Settlement Payment will be returned to Ulta.
 16 Thus, a decision to opt out of the Settlement will *not* reduce the amount of the Settlement
 17 Payment Ulta makes. Ulta does not oppose your participation in the Settlement.

18 **A. Dismissal of the Case and Release of Claims**

19 In exchange for making the Total Settlement Payment and tax payments as set forth
 20 above, Ulta will be entitled to have the Salon Managers' claims dismissed with prejudice
 21 (meaning the claims will not be considered any further and cannot be re-asserted), and will obtain
 22 a release of the claims brought in this action on behalf of all Settlement Class Members, meaning
 23 no one covered by the release can bring any action against Ulta for any claims covered by the
 24 release.

25 The exact scope of the Release in the Settlement Agreement is as follows: any and all
 26 claims, debts, liabilities, demands, obligations, guarantees, costs, expenses, attorneys' fees,
 27 damages, action or causes of action for, damages due to an alleged failure to pay overtime
 28 (including the straight time component of any claimed overtime hours), timely pay wages,

1 provide meal periods, pay a premium for missed meal periods, failure to provide compliant wage
 2 statements, or any other claims that could have been brought based on the allegations in the First
 3 Amended Complaint, including, but not limited to claims for any alleged violation of California
 4 Code of Regulations Title 8, sections 11040, California Labor Code sections 201, 202, 203, 204,
 5 210, 226, 226.7, 510, 512, 558, 1174, 1174.5, and a claim for penalties due to an alleged
 6 violation of said Labor Code sections, including but not limited to any claims under the Private
 7 Attorney General Act (Labor Code section 2699 et seq.), and a release of unfair business claims
 8 brought pursuant to the Business and Professions Code based on alleged violations of the above
 9 mentioned Labor Code sections and Regulations, as well as a release of all claimed attorneys'
 10 fees and costs arising out of such claims, from July 28, 2005 up to March 27, 2009; the date when
 11 Defendant reclassified its Salon Managers as non-exempt employees. **This release is limited to**
 12 **claims arising from employment as a Salon Manager.**

13 Individuals who opt out of the Settlement Class will not release any claims they may have
 14 against Ulta, but such claims will no longer be part of this lawsuit, and the applicable statute of
 15 limitations will begin to run again on any claims that were formerly covered by this lawsuit. The
 16 release is on behalf of Settlement Class Members, and also on behalf of their heirs, beneficiaries,
 17 successors and assigns with respect to the released claims arising out of work as a Salon Manager
 18 described in this paragraph.

19 **VI. ARE YOU A CLASS MEMBER FOR PURPOSES OF THE SETTLEMENT?**

20 You are a class member if Ulta's records identify you as having been classified as a Salon
 21 Manager as described above at any time from July 28, 2005 to March 27, 2009; the date when
 22 Defendant reclassified its Salon Managers as non-exempt employees entitled to overtime pay.

23 **VII. WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?**

24 You have several options. In order to protect your rights, it is very important that you read
 25 this section carefully.

26 **A. You Can Choose to Recover Money as a Settlement Class Member**

27 If you wish to recover a Settlement Share in this action, you need not do anything more.
 28 You will receive a Settlement Share in an amount calculated by the Settlement Administrator in

1 accordance with the formula for calculating Settlement Shares set forth in the Settlement, and
 2 based on the information from Ulta's records regarding your dates of employment as a Salon
 3 Manager during the Class Period, and your salary while employed in that position. Please note
 4 that if you do not "opt out" as discussed below, you will be included as a Settlement Class
 5 Member, and you will still release your right to sue Ulta for the claims asserted in this matter,
 6 assuming the Court grants final approval to the Settlement.

7 **B. You Have a Right To Decide For Yourself Whether Or Not To Participate In
 8 The Settlement: If You Choose Not To Be Bound By The Settlement And,
 9 Thus, Give Up Your Right to Monetary Benefits Under This Settlement, You
 May Opt Out**

10 *While Ulta does not admit liability, Ulta also does not oppose your participation in this
 11 settlement. In fact, Ulta has voluntarily agreed to this settlement and will pay the same settlement
 12 amount whether you opt out or not.*

13 If you do not wish to participate in the Settlement, you must submit a written request to
 14 exclude yourself from the Settlement. If you "opt out" of the Settlement, you will not be part of
 15 the Settlement Class, you will not receive any money, you will not release any claims, you will
 16 not be bound by the Settlement, and you will not be able to object to the Settlement.

17 To be valid, your opt-out request must contain your printed name and signature, as well as
 18 your address and telephone number, and must state that you wish to be excluded from the
 19 proposed Settlement in Eunice Lee and Susan Montegna v. Ulta Salons, Cosmetics & Fragrance,
 20 Inc., Case No. 09-04022, Northern District of California. Your opt-out request must be sent to the
 21 Settlement Administrator at the address listed below.

22 If you wish to opt out, your opt-out request must be mailed or hand-delivered so that it is
 23 received by the Claims Administrator no later than [45 days after mailing of notice or next
 24 business day if 45th day is not a business day]. A class member who does not timely return
 25 proper and complete opt-out requests will not be considered to have opted out, and will be bound
 26 by all terms and conditions of the Settlement, even if he or she objects to the Settlement.

27 **C. You Can Object To The Settlement**

28 If you do not opt out of the Settlement, you may object to the terms of the Settlement

1 before the final approval hearing, either by filing a written objection with the Court, or by filing a
 2 notice of your intent to appear and object at the final approval hearing. If the Court rejects your
 3 objection, you still will be bound by the terms of the Settlement. If you opt out, you cannot make
 4 an objection to the settlement.

5 To object, you must send a written notice of your objection, or a written notice of your
 6 intent to appear and object at the final approval hearing, to the Settlement Administrator at the
 7 address listed below. DO NOT TELEPHONE THE COURT.

8 Any written objections and/or notice of your intent to appear at the final approval hearing
 9 must state each specific reason for your objection and any legal and factual support you have for
 10 each objection. Your written objection and/or notice of your intent to appear at the final approval
 11 hearing must also state your full name, address, telephone number, date of birth, and the dates of
 12 your employment as a Salon Manager at Ulta.

13 To be valid and effective, any written objections and/or notices of intent to appear at the
 14 hearing must be mailed or hand-delivered to the Settlement Administrator at the address listed
 15 below so that they are received no later than [45 days after mailing of notice or next business day
 16 if 45th day is not a business day]. A class member who fails to timely file and serve a written
 17 objection in the manner described above by the specified deadline will be deemed to have waived
 18 any objections and will be foreclosed from making any objection (whether by appeal or
 19 otherwise) to the Settlement and will not be allowed to appear before the Court at the final
 20 approval hearing, absent specific approval by the Court.

21 **You may still participate in the Settlement even if you have objections to the**
 22 **Settlement.** Even though you may have objections to the proposed Settlement, you will still
 23 receive a Settlement Share in the event that the Court overrules any written objection(s) you
 24 submit.

25 **D. You May Comment In Favor Of the Settlement**

26 If you wish, you may comment in favor of the Settlement in writing in advance of the
 27 final approval hearing, which will be held on [hearing date]. To do so, no later than 45 days after
 28 mailing of notice, you must submit a written notice of your comments in favor of the Settlement,

1 which will be relayed to the Court at or before the final approval hearing, provided it is received
 2 in time. Your notice and comments should include your full name, address, phone number, date
 3 of birth, and dates of your employment as a Salon Manager at Ulta. Send your notice and
 4 comments to Class Counsel at the address listed below.

5 **VIII. HOW WILL MY SETTLEMENT SHARE BE CALCULATED?**

6 Each class member who does not opt out of the Settlement is known as a Settlement Class
 7 Member. Each Settlement Class Member who does not timely opt-out of the Settlement will
 8 receive a share of the approximately \$988,750 of the Net Settlement Fund that is available to be
 9 distributed to Settlement Class Members.

10 The amount of the Net Settlement Fund less the \$6,250 attributable to Labor Code Private
 11 Attorneys General Act claims (that is, \$982,500) shall be distributed in its entirety to non-opt out
 12 Class Members as described below (“Qualifying Class Members”). Qualifying Class Members’
 13 shares of the Net Settlement Fund, shall be calculated *pro rata* based on (a) the total number of
 14 workweeks worked by Qualifying Class One Members as Salon Managers during the Class
 15 Period and (b) the Average Weekly Salary of Qualifying Class Members during their period of
 16 employment as Salon Managers during the Class Period. (The Average Weekly Salary shall be
 17 the average of the Qualifying Class One Member’s weekly salary rate at the start of his or her
 18 employment as a Salon Manager during the Class Period and his or her weekly salary rate at the
 19 end of his or employment as a Salon Manager during the Class Period.) For each Qualifying
 20 Class Member, the Settlement Administrator shall multiply the total number of workweeks
 21 worked by the Qualifying Class Member during the Class Period by the Qualifying Class
 22 Member’s Average Weekly Salary to determine an “individual numerator” for the Qualifying
 23 Class Member. The sum of all Qualifying Class Members’ individual numerators shall constitute
 24 the “class denominator.” Each Qualifying Class Member’s individual numerator will be divided
 25 by the class denominator to determine his or her *pro rata* share factor. As an example, if a
 26 Qualifying Class Member has an “individual numerator” of 20,000 out of a class denominator of
 27 1,000,000, then his or her *pro rata* share factor is 0.02 (that is, 20,000 divided by 1,000,000).
 28 His/her *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund would then be determined by multiplying the

1 Net Settlement Fund less the \$6,250 attributable to Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act
 2 claims --- that is, \$982,500 --- by 0.02.

3 In addition, those Qualifying Class Members who worked as Salon Managers between
 4 July 28, 2008 and the end of the Class Period will each receive an additional lump sum payment
 5 as their share of the \$6,250 of the Net Settlement Fund which is attributable to Labor Code
 6 Private Attorneys General Act claims. (Because the Labor Code Private Attorneys General Act
 7 provides for a one year statute of limitations, only those Class Members who worked in the Class
 8 Period within one year of the complaint in this action being filed are entitled to recover for their
 9 Private Attorneys General Act claims). The individual lump sum payments will be determined
 10 by dividing the \$6,250 by the total number of Qualifying Class Members who worked as Salon
 11 Managers during this Private Attorneys General Act Period.

12 If no class members opt out the average gross claim share distributed to class members
 13 will be approximately \$19,014, subject to applicable payroll and income tax withholding. This is
 14 just an average, however; the actual amounts that class members are eligible to receive will vary
 15 according to: (a) class members' length of employment as Salon Managers during the Class
 16 Period, (b) their starting and ending salaries as Salon Managers during the Class Period, and (c)
 17 whether or not they worked as a Salon Manager during the Private Attorneys General Act Period.

18 Fifty percent of the monies paid out to class members from the Net Settlement Fund are
 19 considered wages and will be subject to tax withholdings. The other fifty percent shall be
 20 considered payment for all other damages, including interest, penalties, and statutory attorney's
 21 fees and costs. To the extent necessary, an IRS Form W-2 will be issued to each class member
 22 reflecting the wage payment portion and a Form 1099 will be issued for all other damages and
 23 interest. Settlement awards will not entitle any class member to additional compensation or
 24 benefits under any bonus, contest, or other compensation or benefit plan or agreement in place
 25 during the period covered by the Settlement, nor will it entitle any class member to any increased
 26 retirement, 401k benefits or matching benefits, or deferred compensation benefits.

27 The size of Settlement Shares will vary depending on how many class members choose to
 28 opt out. If a substantial number of class members are not eligible to receive Settlement Shares

1 because they have opted out, each Settlement Class Member's share will be proportionately
 2 larger. Other things being equal, the longer you worked as a Salon Manager during the Claims
 3 Period, and the more compensation you received during the Claims Period, the larger your
 4 Settlement Share may be.

5 **IX. CHANGES OF ADDRESS**

6 It is your responsibility and it is in your interest to keep a current address on file with the
 7 Settlement Administrator. Please make sure to notify the Settlement Administrator of any change
 8 of address.

9 **X. ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS**

10 As their fee for services rendered on behalf of the Settlement Class, Class Counsel will
 11 ask the Court to award as attorney's fees a total of 25% of the \$1,400,000 Total Settlement
 12 Payment, which amounts to \$350,000. In addition to attorney's fees, Class Counsel will seek
 13 reimbursement of litigation costs and out-of pocket expenses that they have incurred since the
 14 beginning of this litigation in early 2009, which are not expected to exceed \$15,000. The request
 15 for attorney's fees and costs will be reviewed by the Court under the governing legal principles
 16 and must be approved by the Court.

17 The requested fees amount reflects the hundreds of so far uncompensated hours Class
 18 Counsel have spent in pursuing this case on behalf of the Settlement Class Members without pay
 19 to date, the risks Class Counsel have taken that no fees would ever be recovered, and the success
 20 Class Counsel has achieved in obtaining a \$1,400,000 Total Settlement Payment for the
 21 Settlement Class. The Court's approval of Class Counsel's request for fees and costs will not
 22 require Settlement Class Members to pay any fees, costs or expenses out of their own pockets.

23 **XI. HEARING REGARDING THE SETTLEMENT**

24 On [HEARING DATE], at [HEARING TIME], or as soon thereafter as practicable, the
 25 Honorable Jeffrey S. White, U.S. District Court Judge, will hold a hearing at the U.S. District
 26 Court, Northern District of California, 450 Golden Gate Ave., Courtroom 11, San Francisco, CA
 27 94102, for the purpose of determining whether the proposed Settlement, including the
 28 methodology for distributing the Net Settlement Fund, and the award of a Service Payment to the

1 Class Representative, is fair, reasonable, and adequate and should be approved. The Court will
 2 also consider Class Counsel's application for fees and costs. The time and date of this hearing
 3 may be postponed, so please contact Class Counsel prior to the date of the hearing if you plan to
 4 attend.

5 Any Settlement Class Member (or the attorney for any Settlement Class Member) may
 6 appear at the hearing to comment on or object to the Settlement, provided she or he has complied
 7 with the procedures described above.

8 **XII. EXAMINATION OF PLEADINGS AND PAPERS / ADDITIONAL
 9 INFORMATION**

10 This Notice does not contain all of the terms of the proposed Settlement or all of the
 11 details of these proceedings. For more detailed information, you may refer to the underlying
 12 documents and papers on file with the Court, in particular the Joint Stipulation of Settlement and
 13 Release that was filed with the Court as part of papers filed by Plaintiffs in support of the motion
 14 for preliminary approval of the Settlement on **[DATE OF PRELIMINARY APPROVAL
 15 FILING]**. This file may be inspected during the hours of each Court business day at the Office
 16 of the Clerk of the Court, 450 Golden Gate Ave., 16th Floor, San Francisco, CA 9410.

17 In addition, you may also contact Class Counsel or the Settlement Administrator for
 18 additional information as to this Settlement and the underlying Class Action (See Section XIII
 19 immediately below for Class Counsel's and the Settlement Administrator's contact information).

20 **XIII. CONTACT INFORMATION**

21 The Settlement Administrator is:

22 **Simpluris, Inc.**
 23 **CASE IDENTIFIER AND CONTACT PERSON**
 24 [ADDRESS 1]
 25 [ADDRESS 2]

26 Class Counsel are:

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 28 JOHN T. MULLAN
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1 **If You Have Questions About This Settlement, Please Contact Either The Settlement**
2 **Administrator Or Class Counsel.**

3 **Please Do Not Contact Ulta or Their Counsel.**
4 **Do Not Contact the Court by Telephone.**

5 Please remember the following deadlines:

7 **Deadline for Receipt of Objection to the Settlement: [45 days after Notice mailing or**
8 **next business day if 45th day is not a business day]**

9 **Deadline for Receipt of Request to Opt Out of the Settlement Class: [45 days after**
10 **Notice mailing or next business day if 45th day is not a business day]**

11 Dated: _____

12 Honorable Jeffrey S. White
13 U.S. District Court,
14 Northern District of California

EXHIBIT 2

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO / OAKLAND DIVISION

EUNICE LEE, and SUSAN MONTEGNA, Case No. 09-04022 (JSW)
individually and on behalf of all others
similarly situated, Plaintiffs,

CLASS ACTION

AMENDMENT TO JOINT
STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT
AND RELEASE

Before: Honorable Jeffrey S. White

Complaint Filed: July 28, 2009

ULTA SALON, COSMETICS &
FRAGRANCE, INC.

Defendant.

This Amendment to the Joint Stipulation of Settlement and Release between Plaintiffs and Defendant ("Joint Stipulation") is made and entered into by and between the parties to the following case before the Honorable Jeffrey S. White of the United States District Court, Northern District of California entitled Eunice Lee and Susan Montegna v. Ulta Salons, Cosmetics & Fragrance, Inc., Case No. 09-04022 (JSW).

THE PARTIES STIPULATE AND AGREE as follows:

1. Because it has come to light that the Class consists of 56 Salon Managers, rather than 52 Salon Managers as initially thought, a total of \$77,000 will be added to the Total Settlement

1 Payment so the Total Settlement Payment payable by Defendant for purposes of this Class Action
2 Settlement is now \$1,477,000.

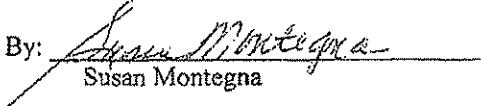
3 2 Of this additional amount of \$77,000, 100% (\$77,000) will be allocated and added to
4 the Net Settlement Fund to be distributed to claiming class members. None of this amount will be
5 allocated and added to attorney's fees to be paid to Class Counsel, and none of this amount will be
6 paid to the California Labor and Workforce Development Agency as an additional amount for
7 PAGA claims. None of this amount or any other amount payable by Defendant under the Class
8 Action Settlement Agreement in this case will revert to Defendant.

9 3 In all other respects, the terms of the Stipulation of Settlement and Release will
10 remain the same

11 Class Representative

12 Dated: 11-1-10, 2010

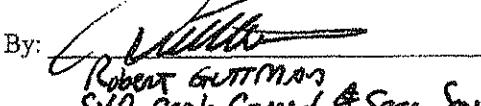
PLAINTIFF SUSAN MONTEGNA

By: 
Susan Montegna

15 Defendant

16 Dated: 11/4, 2010

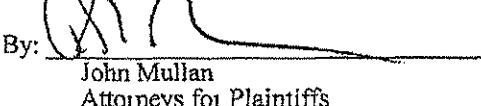
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20 Class Counsel

21 Dated: 11-3 —, 2010

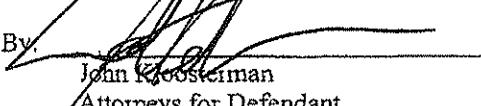
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